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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Tadashi MATSUOKA, et al.

Application No.: 10/810,468

Filed: March 25, 2004

For: OPTICAL TRANSMISSION
SYSTEM AND OPTICAL
COUPLER/BRANCHING FILTER

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 9802

Examiner: Unknown

Art Unit: 2633

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.